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would mention is Senator Landis I think yesterday mentioned, well, we could start here with this program and then maybe at a later time add requirements dealing with quality. I'm very suspicious of that approach. I think it's very, very difficult to raise the bar once you've established one of these types of programs, so that concerns me a lot. The other one is the point I think that Senator Wickersham has made several times and that is interference in the market that we now have to provide day-care services, and I think it's a very, very slippery slope to enter into this with subsidies without, in effect, doing some things that you really didn't intend to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Landis is...we're going to be in an impossible situation on Select File. We will not be able to, on Select File, choose between either bill, as Senator Landis is characterizing it. We won't be able to choose between LB 914 and LB 925, least as I understand the rules, because without a reconsideration of the amendment that was offered on General File we'll be prohibited by the rules from considering the same issue on Select File, except with 30 votes. Senator Chambers is shaking his head. Well, anyway, maybe I'm...maybe I'm wrong in that, but I think we're going to find ourselves in an almost impossible position on Select File. I am genuinely in a quandary. I believe that Senator Hilgert's amendment is something reasonable that we should do; obviously disagree that the provisions of LB 925, even if we worked on them, are something that we should do. I do not know how to resolve it, but I...I can only resolve it by voting no on the advancement of the bill. I just...I don't like to be in that predicament but I'm in that predicament and that's how I'm going to vote.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Landis, there are no lights on. You are recognized to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Wickersham, the Clerk tells me when you move a bill from one level to another you start over; we would have the opportunity. And I think that's consistent what Senator Chambers would tell you. Senator Raikes, you said that